



Sonrise Christian School Newsletter

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Proverbs 12:15 *"The way of the fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."*

WISDOM is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

By Charles Spurgeon

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tena Koutou Katoa


It is that time of year again where teachers collect baseline assessment data. This usually changes at the start of the year because of students who have moved onto other schools, new students coming into school, so it is important that teachers get a clear picture of what their students' learning needs are and Ministry of Education achievement targets are set for the 2017 school year.

Assessment is often for learning. Learning is often made possible because of assessment, not hindered by it. Johnny might be learning to tie his laces or to solve an equation. In either case, he only learns by trying and then assessing whether he has achieved the desired outcome. If the laces come undone before he reaches the playground then he has not properly learnt the skill. If the equation solution does not match the one listed at the back of the book, there is a strong chance equations have still eluded Johnny. Teachers know very well that students need to be constantly assessed, given feedback and encouraged to master a desired skill or understand a concept.

Assessment is sometimes for reporting. We assess to sum up the quality of learning over a unit, term or year. The evidence gathered is reported to parents, Board of Trustees, Ministry of Education - often in the form of percentage. It is not very useful for further learning but that is not its purpose.

Teachers are busy enough keeping students focused and working but they are constantly assessing the quality of the learning going on for each child. Is Johnny engaged? If not, is it because he has mastered the skill and got bored or failed to master it and give up? Does Ann need an extension activity because she has clicked with the concept? Is Jane's sentence sufficient evidence for an improvement in her interpretive skills or should I look for more evidence? Does this illustration help many in the class to grasp the key concept or should I use another illustration, or have I talked too much? What are the next learning steps for each child, given their unique learning styles, intelligence levels and intrinsic motivations? Who would be a teacher? Thank God for the dedication of the teaching staff at Sonrise! They assess for learning in multiple ways for each student all day long, both overtly and covertly. At the end of the day, teaching is extremely complex and very demanding. So let us all appreciate the complexity and demands of the daily routine of our teachers. I certainly do. Please keep them in your prayers so that they can do their jobs to the best of their ability and provide fantastic learning opportunities for all of our students.

NOTICES

 **Uniform and Stationery Costs:** help is available. The Ministry of Social Development's clients can now use My MSD to apply online quickly and easily for help with school uniform and stationery costs, so they don't need to visit their Work and Income office. Applicants can upload verification of the cost, usually a quote from the supplier. If the cost is approved, they will receive notification by text or by email. To find out more go to: <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/stories/community-investment-update/2016/mymsd-online-service.html>

 **Weetbix Triathlon**

On Tuesday 21st February some of our students will be participating in this event. Could you let Mr Russell know if your child is participating on the day?

Please be reminded that Nelson Road will be cut off to the public so if you are running late, it would be best to drop your child in Potae Avenue.

 **Cricket**

Any queries about the season ahead please speak to Mr Russell.

 **School Gala**

Jumble Sale – jumble sale items can be dropped off to Room 3 during school hours.

Helpers – if you would like to help and haven't yet been allocated to a job, please contact Paku or call in at the office to put your name on the list.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a poster to advertise the gala. Please place it where it can be seen.

Our posters and billboards were designed by the Schokker whanau and the stencil work by Joel Whitley.

Congratulations to Sarah Schokker, Joanna Burn and Keilah Kent the winners of our flyer competition. Flyers will be delivered to mailboxes next week.

CELEBRATIONS

Room 1

Week 2

Welcome to Sonrise and Room 1: **Lara Pinto and Majjik Peneha.**

Week 3

Ezra Brown: Skill in swimming and listening at the pool.

Ettiene Van Wyk: Skill in swimming and listening at the pool.

Room 2

Week 2

Celine Carillo: For her awesome attitude and settling in so well in Room 2.

Te Kauri Tau: Trying so hard in his reading.

Week 3

Zach Norris: Great maths results.

Tom Pinto: Amazing Maths results.

Room 4

Week 2

Keilah Kent: Displaying excellence in work and work habits.

Joanna Burn: Always working your hardest and going the extra mile.

Week 3

Vian Te Boekhorst: Excellent progress in times-tables and dedication to creative writing!

Josiah Morice: A great attitude to learning and an excellent helper in PE.

Room 5

Cyris Morice: Contributing well in group work and managing his time.

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Pounamu Tawera-Morris: Stepping up as a role model in her quality of work and in caring for others.

HOUSE POINTS

RED 85
BLUE 30
GREEN 112
GOLD 88

TERM 1: SCHOOL DIARY AND EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue & Time
16 February	Board of Trustees meeting	Staffroom at 5:30pm
21 February	WEETBIX TRYATHLON	Nelson Park
1 March	First Aide Training for all classes	School
2 March	Be Bright Eat Right session	School at 9:30am
3 March	Twilight Gala	School at 5:00pm – 9:00pm
6 March	Yachting for Rooms 4&5	Kaiti Beach
15 March	Rheumatic Fever workshop	All classes
23 March	Board of Trustees meeting	Staffroom at 5:30pm
13 April	End of Term 1-MUFTI DAY	Finish at normal time – 2:30pm

God bless you all

Wendy Gabriel

PRINCIPAL